

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES 21 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0021

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COMMISSIONER

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A STANDARD LEASE

**DATE:** April 24, 2017

**TO:** Riparians (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site\*

Town of Blue Hill and Dennis Robertson, Harbormaster

General and Case Specific Mailing Lists

The Department of Marine Resources is considering an application filed by Erick Spencer Swanson, Lessee, for renewal of an aquaculture lease, BHB LI3, located east of Long Island, Blue Hill Bay, Blue Hill, Hancock County, Maine for suspended culture of blue mussels. This lease was initially granted for 51.42 acres but has since been reduced to 4.7 acres.

As required by 12 M.R.S. §6072(12), copies of the application, site map, and public notice are attached/enclosed.

Erick Spencer Swanson has asked us to encourage you to contact him directly to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the proposed future operation of this lease. His contact information is:

Erick Spencer Swanson P.O. Box 224 Mount Desert, ME 04660

Tel: (207) 266-4321 E-mail: musselboundfarm@gmail.com

As part of the renewal process, we offer the public a 30-day period within which you may submit written comments on this proposed renewal or request a public hearing. A hearing is not mandatory for lease renewals unless the Department receives five (5) or more written requests from interested persons before the end of the 30-day comment period.

Written comments or requests for a hearing regarding this application must be received by the Department no later than **June 1, 2017**. Send them to:

Maine Department of Marine Resources Attn: Aquaculture Administrator 21 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0021

If you have questions, please contact Cindy L. Burke, Paralegal Assistant, at 624-6567 or <a href="maine.gov">cindy.l.burke@maine.gov</a>.

Attachments/Enclosures: Application, Public Notice, and Site Map

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<sup>\*</sup>Although there was one riparian landowner at the time of the original application, the reduction in size of the site means there are no longer any riparians as defined by law.